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GATT COMMITTEE ON BUDGET, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRA-

REFS: A) GENEVA 7295

B) GENEVA 7252

C) USUN 4429

1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN RECOMMENDATION OF MISSION AND
MTN DEL IN PARA 4 OF REFTL (A) THAT U.S. PLACE IMPORTANCE
ON SECURING ADEQUATE FINANCING FOR MTN. WITH RESPECT TO
PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION AGAINST CUTS IN THE 1976 ESTI-
MATE FOR MTN, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE
TO ADOPT A POSITION SUPPORTING THE ESTIMATE TO THE EXTENT
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THAT IT IS FULLY JUSTIFIED. WE ARE NOT AT ALL SURE, FOR

EXAMPLE, THAT AN INCREASE IN HOSPITALITY FUND FROM SWF 2,322 IN 1974 TO 13,300 IN 1975 (PLUS ANOTHER SWF 78,000 IN THE NON-MTN SECTION OF THE BUDGET) WAS JUSTIFIED. THEREFORE WE QUESTION KEEPING THIS ITEM AT SAME LEVEL IN 1976 BUDGET. WE ALSO QUESTION JUSTIFICATION FOR INCREASE FOR STAFF TRAVEL FROM SWF 50,000 IN 1975 TO SWF 60,000 IN 1976, AS WELL AS NEED FOR DOUBLING OF FUNDS FOR RENTAL SPACE IN 1976 AFTER AN ALREADY SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN 1975.

2. WE HAVE NO POLICY BASIS FOR NOT GOING ALONG WITH CONTRIBUTION TO THE STAFF ASSISTANCE FUND. WE HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT FULL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS OPERATION IS AVAILABLE. IN PARTICULAR, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO KNOW WHETHER FUND IS AUDITED, HOW PAYMENTS DECISIONS ARE MADE, AND WHO MAKES THESE DECISIONS.

3. THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN U.S. POSITION ON GATT SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES, AS WE CONTINUE TO FEEL THAT ANY CHANGES MUST BE COMPATIBLE WITH U.N. COMMON SYSTEM PRACTICES IN GENEVA.

4. WITH REGARD TO UPGRADING OF ITC POST, DESCRIBED IN REFTELS (B) AND (C), WE ARE RELUCTANT TO OVERRULE ACABQ DECISION, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF OUR CONCERN ABOUT EXCESSIVE "UPWARD CREEP" OF GRADED POSITIONS IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. WE WILL, HOWEVER, ACCEPT MISSION'S JUDGMENT ON THIS MATTER. KISSINGER

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